



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CATHERINE L. BARKER

Chief Master Sergeant Catherine L. Barker is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan. She serves as the principal advisor to the wing commander on all enlisted issues. Her responsibilities include keeping the commander appraised of all matters affecting the health, welfare, morale and the effective utilization of the 3,097 enlisted members in the wing. She coordinates with staff agencies, commanders and senior enlisted personnel on matters of administration and implementation of wing policy.

Chief Barker entered the Air Force in January 1983 and hails from Asheville, North Carolina. Her background includes various challenging duties such as Commandant of the USAFE NCO Academy and Chief of Information Management in numerous Command and Joint Command positions.

EDUCATION

- 1985 NCO Preparatory Course, Blytheville AFB, Ark.
- 1988 NCO Leadership School, Offutt AFB, Neb.
- 1990 SAC NCO Academy, Barksdale AFB, La.
- 1996 Associate in Applied Science Degree in Information Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 1998 USAF Senior NCO Academy, Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 1999 Bachelor in Applied Science Degree in Management, Bellevue University
- 2002 Academic Instructor School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1983 - March 1986, Administrative Support Specialist, 42nd Air Division, Blytheville AFB, Ark.
2. April 1986 - March 1988, NCOIC, Administration Programming Branch, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Strategic Air Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
3. April 1988 - January 1990, Assistant Chief, Administration, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Strategic Air Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
4. February 1990 - January 1991, Chief, Information Management, Air Force Element, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, Offutt AFB, Neb.
5. February 1991 - January 1992, Enlisted Executive, Air Force Element, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, Offutt AFB, Neb.
6. February 1992 - January 1993, NCOIC, Protocol, Air Force Element, U.S. Atlantic Command, Norfolk, Va.
7. February 1993 - January 1997, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.
8. January 1997 - December 2000, Chief, Command and Executive Information Management, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
9. December 2000 - May 2002, Chief, Command Section/Command Section Information Management, Director of Staff, United States Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany.

10. May 2002 – January 2005, Commandant, USAFE-Kisling Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kapaun AS, Germany
11. January 2005 – July 2005, Superintendent, 368th Recruiting Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
12. June 2005 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Outstanding Airmen of the Year Ribbon
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1983 US Jaycees Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Award
1986 NCO Preparatory Course – John Levitow Award Recipient
1988 NCO Leadership School – Distinguished Graduate
1991 SAC NCO Academy – Distinguished Graduate
1996 Joint Staff SNCO of the Year
1998 USAF Senior NCO Academy – Distinguished Graduate

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman – September 1983
Airman First Class – June 1985
Senior Airman – September 1985
Staff Sergeant – September 1987
Technical Sergeant – September 1989
Master Sergeant – January 1994
Senior Master Sergeant - September 1998
Chief Master Sergeant - December 2000

(Current as of August 2005)